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1. LAOS

DOS ANNOUNCED THURS US HAS DECIDED SUPPLY LAOS 5 MIL DOLS IN
FOOD AID--1ST US AID TO INDOCHINA SINCE WAR. SPOKESMAN
CARTER SAID IT IS HUMANITARIAN GESTURE, IN KEEPING W/
ADMIN'S POLICY OF ANSWERING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS, AND THAT POL
CONSIDERATIONS NOT INVOLVED (AP, SUN; UPI, NYT). WSTAR'S
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BRADSHER (6/1) NOTES THAT LAO GOVT SENT SECY VANCE LTR IN
JANUARY ASKING FOR FOOD, WHILE OMITTING DEMANDS FOR US AID
TO OVERCOME RAVAGES OF WAR. AP RECALLS LAOTIANS APPEALED
TO ALL NATIONS FOR HELP LAST AUG/RECEIVED AID FROM SEVERAL
W EUROPEAN COUNTRIES/USSR.

2. THAILAND

THAI INTL AIRWAYS ACCEPTS BOEING PROPOSAL TO BUY 3 WIDE-
BODIED 747S W/OPTION ON ANOTHER 4. IF APPROVED, 1ST

AIRCRAFT WILL BE DELIVERED OCT '79 (JOC SPEC BANGKOK).

3. CAMBODIA/VIETNAM

IN 1ST DIRECT COMMUNICATION BETWN PP/HANOI SINCE SUSPENSION
DIPLO RELS LAST YR, CAMBODIA HAS CALLED ON VIETS TO HALT
ALL ACTS OF AGGRESSION TO CREATE ATMOSPHERE FOR PEACE TALKS
BETWN 2 COUNTRIES NEXT YR. NOTE CALLED FOR CESSATION
AGGRESSION, INVASION, ANNEXATION OF CAMBODIA/END OF SPIES
CROSSING BORDER/CESSATION OF SUBVERSION, INTERFERENCE IN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CAMBODIA/END OF ATTEMPTS OVERTHROW
CAMBODIAN GOVT (REUTER PEKING).

SUN RUNS AP PHOTO CAMBODIAN COMMUNIST SOLDIERS CAPTURED
BY VIETS IN BORDER FIGHTING WHO ARE UNDERGOING "RE-EDUCA-
TION" AT FORMER US XUAN LOC ARMY BASE. SAYS ABOUT 200
BEING RE-EDUCATED.

4. CHINA

PRC FONMINISTRY CONFIRMED FRI THAT HUANG HUA WILL ARRIVE
KINSHASA 6/3 FOR TALKS W/ZAIRE GOVT OFFICIALS (REUTER).

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CUBA DELIVERED SHARP ATTACK ON PRC THURS, ACCUSING CHINESE
LEADERS OF BEING FAITHFUL ALLIES OF NATO AND "MOST RANCID
WORLD BOURGEOISIE." IN SECOND OF SERIES OF EDITS,
"GRANMA" REFERRED TO INTENSIFIED CONTACTS BETWN CHINESE
MIL MEN AND NATO'S "WAR MERCHANTS," PARTICULARLY FRG/France/
BRITAIN/JAPAN (REUTER, WP).

GROC AND PRIVATE TEXTILE EXPORTERS DENIED THURS THAT
TAIWANESE TEXTILE EXPORTS TO US WERE SUBSIDIZED BY GOVT.
BOARD OF FON TRADE DEPUTY DIRECTOR VC SIEW SAID BOARD
WILL TRY CLEAR UP MATTER W/US TREASURY DEPT, WHICH CHARGED
6/1 THAT 7 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ROC, WERE SUBSIDIZING
TEIR US-BOUND TEXTILE EXPORTS IN VIOLATION OF US TRADE
LAWS. ROC TEXTILE MAGNATE, PAO CHAO-YUN, ALSO DENIED
ALLEGATION, DECLARED NO GOVT FINANCIAL HELP NEEDED.
PAO POINTED OUT THAT LOCAL PRODUCTS HAVE STABLE US MRKT
UNDER US-ROC TEXTILE AGREEMENT, WHILE EXPORTERS COMPETE W/
LOWER PRICES TO OBTAIN LARGER SHARE IN THEIR QUOTA (UPI
NYT, JOC).

5. HONG KONG

REVELATION MADE IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL QUESTIONING OF HK
ACTING CHIEF SEC, HADDON-CAVE, THAT COLONY IS WORRIED ABOUT
NEW UPSURGE IN ARRIVALS FROM PRC, AND HAS TOLD PEKING SO.
HADDON-CAVE DID NOT SAY WHAT DIPLO CHANNELS USED TO PASS ON
HK'S CONCERN;ONE HK SOURCE SAID THIS IS SITUATION IN WHICH

"QUIET DIPLOMACY IS NECESSARY." HK POPULATION HAS SWELLED

FROM 600,000 IN '45 TO 4.5 MILLION TODAY. REUTER'S
MAJENDIE (HK) NOTES BIG QUESTION IS WHY SHARP ALL-AROUND
RISE? NOTES EXPORTS CITE FACT THAT PRC GIVES GREATER
FREEDOM TO CHINESE WANTING JOIN RELATIVES OVERSEAS--BUT
OVERWHELMING MAJORITY ARE STUCK IN HK, SINCE SEA NEIGHBORS
ARE RELUCTANT TAKE THEM.

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6. KOREA

WH NOMINATES EA'S GLEYSTEN AS NEXT AMB TO SEOUL
(AP, WSTAR 6/1).

REACTING TO HOUSE RESOLUTION THREATENING NON-MILITARY
AID CUTOFF UNLESS KIM DONG JO TESTIFIES BEFORE
CONGRESS, ROKG INSISTED 6/1 IT WOULD NOT TURN OVER
KIM FOR QUESTIONING. ROKG LEFT DOOR OPEN, HOWEVER,
FOR FUTURE NEGOTS W/CONGRESSIONAL CMTES/ASSERTED ANY
NEW MOVES TOWARD COMPROMISE SHOULD COME FROM US
SIDE. ROKG REPORTEDLY UNCONCERNED OVER THREAT OF
LOST AID, BUT IS HIGHLY CONCERNED ABOUT RECEIVING
ANOTHER SLAP FROM WASHINGTON/FURTHER DETERIORATION
IN US-SK RELS (CHAPMAN, WP SEOUL).

PHINQ QUOTES "HIGH-RANKING" SKOREAN FON MINISTRY
OFFICIAL THAT HOUSE "OPENLY RESORTING TO INTIMIDATION
TOWARD AN ALLY." MINISTRY'S AMERICAN BUREAU SAYS
ROKG COULD CONSIDER MAKING KIM'S TESTIMONY AVAILABLE
ONLY BY CORRESPONDENCE OR TELEPHONE INTERVIEWS.

REPORTING ON DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION GIVEN IN SEOUL BY
FONMIN PARK 6/1, NYT'S SCOTT-STOKES FINDS NO SIGN OF
TENSION/BITTERNESS BETW US/SKOREAN OFFICIALS. QUOTES
ROKG SPOKESMAN THAT IF CONGRESS APPROACHES SK W/"RATIONAL
ALTERNATIVES" RE QUESTIONING KIM DONG JO, ROKG
"WILLING TO DISCUSS THEM."

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS THURS, DEP ATTY GEN CIVILETTI
SAID HE EXPECTED NO FURTHER INDICTMENTS OF PAST/PRESENT
CONGRESSMEN IN KOREAN BRIBERY SCANDAL. STATED DOJ
"ABOUT EXHAUSTED" INFO GAINED FROM TONGSUN PARK.
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MEANWHILE, FORMER NIXON AIDE NIDECKER TOLD HIRC
SUBCMTE 6/1 PRES PARK'S PROTECTION CHIEF, PARK CHONG
KYU, HAD 10,000 DOLS DELIVERED TO HIM WHILE IN KOREA
5/74 BUT THAT HE HAD AMEMB RETURN MONEY (AP'S RUBIN,

NYT/SUN).

REUTER (6/1) ADDS THAT AMB SNEIDER, TESTIFYING
BEFORE SAME SUBCMTE, EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT INFLUENCE-

BUYING SCANDAL POINTED OUT TO BOTH COUNTRIES HOW
ESSENTIAL IS THEIR RELATIONSHIP. REPEATED ADMIN'S
POSITION THAT KIM SHOULDN'T TESTIFY IN CONTRAVENTION
VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY. EXPRESSED
HOPE US-SK RELS "UNDER MY SUCCESSOR WILL IMPROVE."

7. JAPAN

JAPANESE FISHING BOAT SEIZED/ORDERED PAY 2.06 MILLION
DOLS BY USSR WHILE OPERATING OFF SIBERIA. FON
MINISTRY REPORTED SEEKING EXPLANATION FROM MOSCOW ON
SIZE OF FINE (REUTER TOKYO).

ACCORDING TOKYO BANKERS/FOREX DEALERS, YEN LIKELY
BEGIN ANOTHER ROUND STEEP APPRECIATION AGAINST
DOLLAR. ANALYSTS SAY TOKYO MARKET AFFECTED MOST BY
RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT RE US INFLATION STATISTICS (JOC
TOKYO).

BANK OF JAPAN GOV MORINAGA EXPRESSES SERIOUS DOUBTS
JAPAN'S TRADE SURPLUS WILL BE CUT FROM 14 BIL DOLS
TO 6 BIL DOLS BY END FY'78. SAYS IT MIGHT WELL BE
IMPOSSIBLE FROM PRACTICAL VIEWPOINT FOR GOJ SLASH
SURPLUS BY THAT MUCH (CULLISON, JOC).

IN SIMILAR ARTICLE, LONGWORTH (CHITRIB) SAYS US/JAPANESE
ANALYSTS BELIEVE SURPLUS SO DEEPLY EMBEDDED IN US-
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JAPAN TRADE STRUCTURE THAT ANY BILAT AGREEMENTS
SEEKING REDUCE IT WILL HAVE LITTLE EFFECT.

IN EFFORT REVIVE AILING JAPANESE ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY,
MITI HAS PROPOSED DRASTIC REORGANIZATION PLANS WHICH
INCLUDE SHUTDOWN ONE-THIRD EXISTING FACTORIES ACROSS
COUNTRY (UPI, JOC TOKYO).

8. PHILIPINES

OPPOSITION SOURCES SAY MARCOS HAS MET RECENTLY
W/FORMER SEN TANADA/ATTY DAVID, APPARENTLY TO OFFER
CONCESSIONS DESIGNED EASE CRITICISM OF HIS RULE.
SOURCES SAY MARCOS ALSO CONSIDERING TRANSFERRING
AQUINO FROM PRISON TO HOUSE ARREST/DECLARING END FORMAL
MARTIAL LAW. PRES BELIEVED LOOKING FOR WAY HI-LITE
CONVENING NEW NATL ASSEMBLY/FORESTALL CUT IN MIL AID
NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY US CONGRESS. SOME OPPONENTS

ALSO SUGGEST HE WANTS UNDERCUT PUBLICITY HE EXPECTS
WILL BE GIVEN IN US TO DISSIDENT CHARITO PLANAS
(MATHEWS/WIDEMAN, WP MANILA).

US EXTENDS 5.4-MIL-DOL LOAN/316,000-DOL GRANT TO
HELP IMPROVE HEALTH SERVICES IN 600 TOWNS/VILLAGES
ON PANAY ISLAND (REUTER MANILA).

IN 3RD OF SERIES, JOC'S AMERMAN (MARIVELES) FOCUSES
ON PHILS BATAAN EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE--ESTABLISHED
BY DECREE IN 1972. NOTES THAT ALTHO ZONE LOOKED
UPON W/SKEPTICISM FROM PHILS BUSINESS COMMUNITY, IT
HAS PROVEN TREMENDOUS SUCCESS IN DEVELOPMENT PHIL
EXPORT POTENTIAL.

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9. AUSTRALIA

GOA INTENDS IMPOSE BRANCH PROFITS TAX ON OVERSEAS
FIRMS OPERATING THERE. LEGISLATION ARISES OUT OF
CONTROVERSY INVOLVING US FIRMS WHICH HAVE GLEANED
HIGHER PROFITS BY NOT PAYING WITHHOLDING TAX (JOC
SYDNEY).

WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S PREMIER CHARLES COURT SAYS STATE
SEEKING NEW SOURCES FOR CAPITAL--PARTICULARLY LOAN
CAPITAL--TO HELP DEVELOP ITS VAST MINERAL/POTENTIAL
OIL RESOURCES. US FIRMS AMONG HIS MAJOR TARGETS
(COOPER, JOC).

10. VIETNAM/CHINA

REUTER (HK 6/1) QUOTES "FAR EASTERN ECON REVIEW" THAT PRC
HAS CUT AID TO SRV IN HALF. MAG QUOTES CHARGE D'AFFAIRES
OF VIET EMB IN VIENTIANE THAT PRODUCTION IN HANOI/HAIPHONG
HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY DEPARTURE CHINESE WORKERS/
TECHNICIANS. AP (HK SUN) QUOTES "FEER" THAT SRV RAISING
5 MIL MEN FOR MILITIA AS RESULT STRAINED RELS W/PRC.
MAG CITES CHINESE/VIET SOURCES ON MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF
CHINESE ENGINEER IN VIET FACTORY IN EARLY MAY, SAYING IT
WAS "INCIDENT THAT LED TO SERIOUS RETHINKING IN PEKING
ABOUT AID TO VN."

AP'S LEDERER(PHINQ) SAYS CHINESE REFUGEES FLEEING VN ARE
TRADING PROSPECT OF BACK-BREAKING WORK AS "HATED MINORITY"
FOR MEAGER FARM LIFE IN PRC. QUOTES W DIPLO THAT BEING
FORCED INTO FARM COMMUNE-TYPE EXISTENCE IS TERRIBLE FOR
CHINESE MERCHANTS NO MATTER WHERE, BUT THEY PREFER TO DO
IT IN CHINA.

L MATHEWS DOES DAILY COVERAGE FOR LAT OF EVENTS IN VN-

CHINA DISPUTE OVER ETHNIC CHINESE. NOTES (5/30) THAT
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PRESENCE CHINESE SHIPS IN SVN WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY ACT AS
MAGNET FOR CHINESE CONTEMPLATING ESCAPE VN BY SEA. IF

CHINESE SHIPS AUTHORIZED PICK UP BOAT PEOPLE, SAYS EXPERTS
PREDICT NUMBER SEABORNE REFUGEES WILL RISE SWIFTLY.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. JAPAN

MAX LERNER (NYPOST, 5/26) EXAMINES NARITA AIRPORT VIOLENCE/
REVIEWS FACILITY'S HISTORY. AS TO EXTREMISTS' MOTIVES,
OPINES AIRPORT BATTLE ENLISTS "IMPASSIONED GUERRILLAS"/
"SABOTEURS" BECAUSE, IN ERA OF WANING CAUSES, "IT IS THE
ONLY CAUSE LEFT TO THEM."

12. CHINA

SEN MCGOVERN (GLOBE 6/1) SAYS BRZEZINSKI'S CONDUCT IN
"BREIFING THE CHINESE IN DETAIL" ON US SALT TALKS W/
SOVIETS WAS "STRANGE, IF NOT FOOLISH TACTIC." CHARGES
ZBIG TREATS PRC AS "NATO AUXILIARY"/THAT CARTER ADMIN HAS
NO COHERENT FONPOL, BUT "COLLECTION OF CONFLICTING
VOICES." HOPES CALM/COMMON SENSE WILL PREVAIL OVER
STRATEGY OF CRISIS/CONFRONTATION.

GLOBE EDIT (5/31) SAYS WHILE, ON ITS OWN, PRC'S DECISION
TO TAKE ACTIVE PART IN UN DISARMAMENT DEBATE CANNOT
PRODUCE PROGRESS ON ARMS CONTROL, IT DOES SUGGEST NEW
DIMENSION ON SEVERAL FRONTS. NOTES, FIRST, THAT PEKING'S
ATTACK ON SOVIETS, AND TO LESSER EXTENT ON US, SUGGESTS
CHINESE ARE REACHING FOR LEADERSHIP ROLE AMONG THIRD WORLD
COUNTRIES IN DISARMAMENT FIELD. FEELS, AT SAME TIME,
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THAT CHINA'S INITIATIVE MUST BE LOOKED AT IN CONTEXT OF
THE MOMENT--COMING ON HEELS OF BRZEZINSKI'S PEKING VISIT,
WHICH "MAY IRONICALLY HAVE INCLUDED SOME TALKS ABOUT US
ARMS" TO CHINESE. POINTS OUT ALSO THAT HUANG HUA'S SPEECH
WAS MADE JUST AS CHINESE FOUND THEMSELVES IN CONTROVERSY
W/SRV.

GLOBE CONCLUDES, HOWEVER, CENTRAL POINT IS THAT PRC HAS
PRESENTED NEW FACE TO WORLD THAT REFLECTS MORE CONFIDENCE/
INCREASED SPIRIT OF ACTIVISM. OBSERVES CHANGE SEEMS IN-
CLUDE INCREASED FRIENDLINESS TOWARD US--WHICH TREND IT
IS US INTERESTS TO ENCOURAGE SO LONG AS DOES NOT FORCE US

INTO ANY FRESH CONFRONTATION W/SOVIETS.

CSM'S STROUT CITES STRINGENT MEASURES UNDERWAY IN CHINA TOWARDS FAMILY PLANNING/POPULATION LIMITATION, AS FOUND BY 10-MAN CODEL RECENTLY THERE. SAYS DEGREE OF REGIMENTATION INVOLVED IN "THIS GIGANTIC SOCIAL EXPERIMENT IS DIFFICULT FOR WESTERNERS TO UNDERSTAND."

GEO HATEM TOURED GWU MED SCHOOL THURS, OBSERVING "EXPENSIVE, HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED KIND PRACTICED IN MODERN AMERICAN HOSPITALS." WP'S AUERBACH REPORTS HATEM GASPED AT AMOUNT OF MONEY INVOLVED, SAID 90 MIL DOLS BEING SPENT TO BUILD NEW DUKE U MEDICAL BLDG WOULD ALMOST PAY FOR ALL MEDICAL SERVICES IN PRC FOR YR. HATEM SAID, "WE HAVE SIMILAR EQUIPMENT" TO US HOSPITALS, BUT "SIMPLER"; CON-TENDED LOT OF CHINESE, PLUS LITTLE LABOR POWER, WILL DO SAME THINGS. "WE JUST DON'T HAVE AS MANY BUTTONS, AND WE DON'T THROW AWAY AS MUCH AS YOU DO HERE."

13. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

TRACY WOOD DOING SERIES OF ARTICLES FOR LAT ON HOW 140,000 VIET REFUGEES WHO SETTLED IN US ARE ADJUSTING TO THEIR NEW LIFE. NOTES THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF REFUGEES W/VARYING UNCLASSIFIED

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DEGREES OF SUCCESS IN THEIR ADJUSTMENT, BUT MOST OF ALL "THERE ARE VIETS WHO SIMPLY ARE TRYING TO COPE." FOR 1ST 2 YRS IN US, MOST SAID THEY CONCENTRATED SOLELY ON LEARNING ENGLISH/GETTING JOBS/SETTLING THEIR FAMILIES; 3RD YR SOME-TIMES MOST TRAUMATIC--LIKED BY MENTAL HEALTH OFFICIALS TO DELAYED REACTION OFTEN EXPERIENCED AFTER TRAGEDY. QUOTES REFUGEE WORKER THAT LESS MATERIAL BENEFITS REFUGEE HAD IN VN, EASIER IT IS USUALLY TO HELP HIM IN US. CONCLUDES 3 KEYS TO REFUGEE SUCCESS ARE ATTITUDE/ENGLISH/ JOB SKILLS.

14. CHINA/VIETNAM

SUN EDIT NOTES HANOI IS ANNOYING PEKING BY IMPOSING COMMUNISM ON PEKING MODEL OF GENERATION AGO--THROWING FON TRADERS OUT OF TRADE/OUT OF THEIR HOMES. SAYS QUARREL IS LAST THING EITHER SIDE MUST WANT IN VIEW OF PRC'S PREOCCUPATION W/USSR AND SRV'S TROUBLES W/CAMBODIA. BUT OBSERVES VIETS DENYING HUMAN RTS OF ETHNIC CHINESE ON SCALE THAT ALL RIGHTWING DICTATORS ON CHINA'S PERIPHERY MUST ENVY.

15. VIETNAM/CAMBODIA

THOMAS THOMPSON, DIRECTOR ANALYTICS, SAYS REFUGEE ACCOUNTS OF KILLINGS IN VN/CAMBODIA SUGGEST THAT US INTERVENTION

WAS ONLY PART OF LONGER HISTORY OF VIOLENCE IN INDOCHINA.
CONTENDS ROOTS OF PRESENT CONFLIT GO MUCH DEEPER THAN
SKIRMISHES FOR STRIPS OF LAND, THAT SPLIT IN INDOCHINA
COMMUNIST MOVEMENT AFTER '54 GENEVA AGREEMENTS LAID MUCH
OF BASIS FOR TODAY'S HOSTILITIES. SAYS HOSTILITIES BETWN
CAMBODIA/VN BECAME MORE PRONOUNCED IN '73 WHEN VIETS
SIGNED PARIS AGREEMENT/CAMBODIA WAS LEFT TO BEAR BRUNT OF
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US BOMBING. IN VIEW CURRENT CONFLICT, CONCLUDES "PEACE IS
HARDLY AT HAND"(SUN)

16. CAMBODIA

ACCURACY IN MEDIA (AIM) RUNS QUARTER-PG, SMALL-PRINT WP
AD TO BRING TO PUBLIC ATTENTION RECENT WP SHAREHOLDERS
MTG AT WHICH UNANSWERED QUESTIONS OF FAIRNESS/ACCURACY/
BALANCE DISCUSSED, INCL REPORTING OF CURRENT SITUATION
IN CAMBODIA, WHICH, AIM SAYS PAPER DID NOT REPORT. AD
ACCUSES WP OF FAILING REPORT RECENT EVENTS IN CAMBODIA,
PARTICULARLY ARTICLE BY CAMBODIAN OFFICIAL WHO ESCAPED
LAST YR/REVIEW OF "MURDER OF A GENTLE LAND." AD OFFERS
COPY BOOK FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP.

17. VIETNAM

AMCITS VISITING VN W/CHURCH WORLD SERVICES SAY VIET
OFFICIALS "FROM PM PHAM VAN DONG ON DOWN" SO CONCERNED
ABOUT WAR W/CAMBODIA/INTENSIFYING SITUATION W/CHINA THAT
THEY ARE EAGER RESUME TALKS W/US OVER NORMALIZING RELS.
EXEC DIR NATL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES MCCLEARY SAYS VIETS TOLD
THEM US NOW HAS OPPORTUNITY BE PEACE-MAKER IN REGION,
BUT THAT US SHOULD MOVE QUICKLY. CORA WEISS SAYS VIETS
SEE CHINA/CAMBODIA AS THREAT TO THEIR EXISTENCE. AMCITS--
1ST TO VISIT BORDER W/CAMBODIA--FOUND AREA LOOKED LIKE
VIET WAR STILL ON (AP, SUN).

CSM'S BROWNING (PARIS), HOWEVER, SAYS PROGRESS IN US-SRV
CONTACTS AIMED AT NORMALIZING RELS HAS "GROUND TO A
COMPLETE HALT." QUOTES "INFORMED SOURCES" THAT THERE HAS
BEEN NO CONTACT, WRITTEN OR ORAL, SINCE LAST FORMAL DEC
MTG. GIVES PART OF PROBLEM AS TRUONG/HUMPHREY ESPIONAGE
TRIAL AS WELL AS CARTER ADMIN PREOCCUPATION W/OTHER FON
POL QUESTIONS, BORDER FIGHTING BETWN CAMBODIA/VN, INCREASED
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SRV-PRC TENSIONS, DESIRE NOT UPSET US RELS W/PRC,
APPROACHING CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS IN US WHICH "LIKELY
TO PREVENT ANY CHANGE IN AMERICAN POLICY BEFORE NOV."
SAYS VIET OFFICIALS INSIST THEY ARE PREPARED REOPEN TALKS

AT ANY MOMENT, BUT, ACCORDING ONE WESTERN EXPERT, "TIMING
IS JUST NOT RIGHT" FOR US MAKE ANY MOVE RIGHT NOW. SEES
MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCK STILL QUESTION OF WAR REPARATIONS.
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